Fishers and Farmers united through new shared leadership between Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA) and National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC).

NIAZ DORRY
NAMA and NFFC joining forces

“I am truly humbled and excited to serve both organizations and find this idea both energizing from a personal growth perspective as well as broadening the movement for an equitable food system that is healthful for the planet and eaters and economically empowering for farmers and fishermen. Together with our members and networks we represent the largest coming together of grassroots communities representing the first set of hands that touch our food who are fighting for a more just food system from sea to shining sea and the amber waves of grain in between them. This is revolutionary and it stands to be a big book of resources, energy, camaraderie and solidarity allowing us to capitalize on the synergies and efficiencies that this idea embodies.”

The decision to share leadership as of May 1st, 2018 will allow the two organizations to share some critical organizational services that uses the strengths of each organization to ensure both are stronger and more impactful than the sum of their parts yet remain legally separate.

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JIM GOODMAN
Wisconsin Dairy Farmer
National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) Board President

“We cannot thank interim NFFC Director Lisa Griffith enough for filling the void at NFFC, providing leadership holding things together and helping guide us.”

Both organizations will be able to expand their excellent work to organize, represent and mobilize small producers across rural and coastal America from shore to shore. Focusing efforts on strengthening our democracy, advocating for fair producer prices and ensuring a safe, just and healthy food system for all.

Boards of both organizations voted on the proposal within the last week agreeing that sharing staff members and core functions makes a lot of sense. Lisa Griffith will become national program coordinator for NFFC, and Brett Tolley will become the national program coordinator for NAMA.

“We share a common history with family farmers and are interconnected by the truths of our present where the fundamental elements of an ethically, socially, and environmentally responsible food system are eroding by the tide of corporate America. The expansion of a more sustainable food future is dependent on this declaration of interdependence and solidarity between us.”

“Niaz has the vision and energy to bring together family farmers, ranchers and fishermen in our collective efforts for economic empowerment and food justice.”

SHANNON ELDREDGE
Cape Cod Fisherman
NAMA Board President

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